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Mississippi Republican Party

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July 15, 2003

Federal Election Commission
Attention: Mr. John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division
999 E. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Year End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02)
ID #C00084368

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Enclosed are copies of the refund checks to refund the excess contributions over the pre-BCRA limit of \$5,000.00. Unfortunately, we misunderstood the effective date January 1, 2003, for the change in the contribution limit to \$10,000.00. All of the excess amounts have been refunded to the donors as of today.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas B. Butchart

Thomas B. Butchart, Treasurer

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COMMUNITY BANK
Flowood, Mississippi 39208
88-2194033

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7/15/2003

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

William Mounger, II

\$ **1,000.00

One Thousand and 00/100

DOLLARS

Mounger, William
1300 Meadowbrook Road Suite 204
Jackson, MS 39211-6374

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Flowood, Mississippi 39208
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PAY TO THE
ORDER OF Don Depriest

\$ **4,000.00

Four thousand and 00/100 *****

DOLLARS

Depriest, Don
P. O. Box 1076
Columbus, MS 39703-1076

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Tom Butchart, Treasurer
 Mississippi Republican Party
 P.O. Box 60
 Jackson, MS 39205

Identification Number: C00084368

Reference: Year End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02)

Dear Mr. Butchart:

On June 18, 2003, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your July 1, 2003 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion

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of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

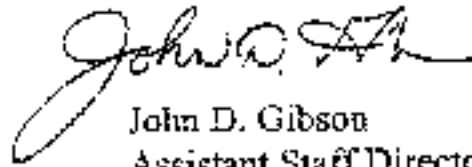
The Commission is in receipt of your response in which you reference the newly increased limits established by BCRA. Please note, however that all changes brought by BCRA were not implemented until the beginning of the 2003-2004 election cycle.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by July 30, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

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Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Christopher Morse on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Federal Election Commission

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